

Top 10 reasons to complete your census form

- It's easy. The 2010 census form contains 10 simple questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's the shortest census questionnaire in history!
 - It's important. Census data will be used to establish state legislative districts and determine the number of seats Florida has in the U.S. House of Representatives.
 - It's confidential. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share your response with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.
 - We all benefit financially. The data will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds will be distributed to local governments each year.
 - It can help us recruit new businesses. Local officials will use census data to attract new businesses – and jobs – to our community.
- It helps us plan for future needs. Data will be used to forecast transportation and housing and needs, draw school districts, and develop community assistance programs.
- It can help us during disasters. The higher our census numbers, the more federal and state assistance Volusia County will be qualified to receive following declared disasters.
- It provides a snapshot of our community. Each community is different, with different profiles. An accurate census count will help provide for our community's specific needs.
- No one will knock on your door. If you file by April 1, 2010, a Census Bureau employee will not need to visit your home.
- It's the law. All people living in Volusia County at least six months of the year are required to complete and return their census forms.



